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CAMP, ANGOLA (TSR)**

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3. (TSR) A separately fence-secured physical training area is adjacent to the compound. Two Soviet-type obstacle courses (a motorized rifle type and a tank/engineer type), a gymnastics area, and a baseball diamond are all within the boundaries of this area. Two automatic weapons-firing ranges (one for armor) are on the northern edge of town. Two driver-training courses are associated with this facility. An armored-vehicle, driver-training course encircles one of the automatic weapons-firing ranges (Figure 1). A wheeled-vehicle, driver-training course (not shown on graphics) is on the western edge of the facility.

4. (TSR) Air defense facilities were seen both within the town and along a trail that extends southward into the bush. Four SA-7 firing positions and five occupied, six-position, light antiaircraft artillery (AAA) sites are in the town (Figures 1 and 2). At least four occupied, net-/canvas-covered, six-position, light AAA sites (one shown in Figure 3) and at least 20 vehicles in revetments were seen in the scrub brush south of the camp.

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